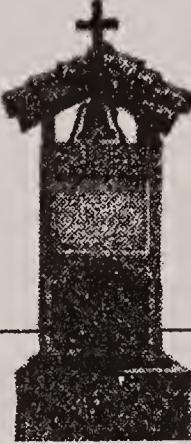


March 1995

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## B E L L

## ST. MARYS PARK

## IMPROVEMENT CLUB

## PERMIT PARKING FOR ST. MARY'S PARK

The next SMPIC meeting will be Tuesday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Mary's Park Recreation Center, Murray and Justin. The main focus of the meeting will be to discuss the proposal of permit parking for St. Mary's Park.

There have been numerous complaints from Park residents concerning illegally parked cars, abandoned vehicles and non-resident autos parked for long periods of time in St. Mary's Park. It appears the situation has worsened and effects primarily the residents whose streets border the perimeter of the neighborhood. At the request of Park residents from the December 1994 SMPIC meeting, we have investigated the possibility of converting St. Mary's Park into a residential parking permit neighborhood.

The parking permit program works as follows:

- The neighborhood must designate the boundaries of the area to be incorporated into the plan.
- 50% of the residents on each of the streets included must sign a petition.
- The petition is presented to the SF Board of Supervisors.
- The Dept. of Parking and Traffic will conduct a study.
- A public hearing will be held to announce the findings from the above studies and discuss the ordinance.
- The final decision to adopt the parking permit plan will be determined by the SF Board of Supervisors.



## FEBRUARY CRIME WATCH

Crack Down on Leash Law—Curb Your Dog Law

The Ingleside police department reports a relatively quiet St. Mary's Park for the month of February. However, a truck was stolen and a stolen vehicle was recovered on the 200 block of Benton. Over the last few months, there have been many stolen vehicles recovered in the SMP area. Report any abandoned vehicles to police at 781-5865. No purse snatchings or robberies were reported. On another note, per the February SMPIC meeting, there was considerable discussion about the subject of DOGS. Mans' best friend can often become a neighbors worst enemy. The City of San Francisco Police code clearly states that dogs must be kept on leash when in the general public as well as their droppings picked up immediately by the attendee. The failure to comply with these codes by many dog owners and attendees is becoming a disturbing problem for residents as well as a serious menace for our SMP lawn maintenance crew. Even more disturbing is the fact that many violating dogs are owned by residents of our own neighborhood. Allowing dogs to defecate on the lawns and sidewalks of our neighborhood is a blight for the entire community. Quite frankly, residents are fed-up and will no longer tolerate this activity. Everyone is asked to address this problem. If you have a dog, you are expected to clean up after them. If you see a dog and attendee in violation, speak up. Let that person know that the residents of St. Mary's Park will no longer condone such blatant disregard for the law. And remember, the dog is not to blame. The owner or attendee is the true problem.

*In memory—Deepest sympathy to Frank Lopez, a long-time resident, for the passing of his wife, Frances, on February 8th.*

Once the program is enacted, signs will be posted on the designated streets and time-restricted on-street parking will begin (the time restrictions are generally for 2-4 hour stays during 8:00 am-6:00 pm and are usually decided by the SF Board of Supervisors). No parking permit is required for vehicles parked in garages or driveways as long as they do not block the sidewalk or street. The cost of the plan is \$21.00 per vehicle/per year. Exceptions for students, people needing medical care and temporary guests also exist. To find out more about the parking permit program, please come to the March SMPIC meeting. A committee will be elected to investigate the parking program.

In the meantime, should you have problems with parked or abandoned vehicles, the following services have proven to be effective.

Parking Enforcement . . . . .	553-1631
Abandoned Autos . . . . .	781-5865
Blocked Driveways-Sidewalks . . . . .	553-1200
Traffic Engineering- (curb painting, signs, etc.) . . . . .	554-2300

## DID YOU KNOW?

- The city of San Francisco has a 72 hour maximum limit for parking in the same location.
- Parking a vehicle on the sidewalk (even *your own* vehicle across *your own* driveway) at any time is a violation and is subject to be towed.

Ron Crider-VP

## SAFE WATCH UPDATE

During our February SMPIC meeting, several members of our community came forward to become Block Captains for their own neighborhood block. St. Mary's Park has been assigned a representative from the SAFE program. His name is Robert Bernardo. He will be meeting with us in the near future to help set up our local chapter. The time and date will be announced at the March SMPIC meeting. If you are interested in becoming active in the SAFE program, there are still openings for Block Captains on the following blocks:

GENEBERN	0-99	200	
JUSTIN	200	300	400
MURRAY	0-99	100	

Please submit your name and phone number to Bill Fossett at our next meeting or call 334-7133.

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